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SECDEF FOR ISA/DSAA, HA USAF FOR LGFW

1. TELEDYNE-RYAN REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD GRAFTON CALLED AIRA 7 MARCH FROM CALIFORNIA TO CONFIRM INFORMATION THAT RPV LOA HAD BEEN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY DECLINED BY GOE. AIRA DID CONFIRM THIS AND GAVE GOE RATIONALE. GRAFTON INQUIRED WHAT COURSE USG WOULD PURSUE NOW AND WAS REFERRED TO WASHINGTON ON THIS QUESTION.

2. GRAFTON INDICATED RYAN WAS CONSIDERING SENDING A HIGH LEVEL CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEMPT MEETING WITH MINWAR GAMASY TO DETERMINE HOW HARD AND FAST THE DECISION WAS AND TO ASSESS WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT HOLD. AIRA OFFERED NO ENCOURAGEMENT.

3. WE CAN SEE NO REASON TO QUESTION GOE'S PRIORITIZATION OF REQUIREMENTS AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO OTHER MORE URGENTLY NEEDED EQUIPMENT.

ON THE CONTRARY, THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF RPV'S WOULD REQUIRE A FAIRLY LARGE TECHNICAL STEP FORWARD FOR THE EGYPTIANS. HAVING OFFERED
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TO MEET THE EARLIER EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR RPV'S, AND BEEN TURNED DOWN ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE VERY GOOD REASON (NO MONEY), I CAN SEE LITTLE ADVANTAGE TO USG PURSUING THE MATTER AT THIS TIME TO OBTAIN REVERSAL OF GAMASY'S POSITION. IN FACT STRETCHING THE BUDGET EVEN FURTHER MIGHT WORSEN AN ALREADY TIGHT SITUATION WITH THE C-130 PROGRAM AND JEOPARDIZE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE F-5 PROGRAM IF APPROVED.

4. SAME TIME WE SEE NO WAY TO STOP THE RYAN VISIT IF THEY INSIST.
HOWEVER, FOR THE REASONS STATED IN PARA THREE ABOVE WE BELIEVE THE
EMBASSY ROLE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO RYAN,
IF REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUCH, IN REQUESTING MEETING WITH GAMASY.
IN DOING SO, WE WOULD MAKE CLEAR TO GAMASY THAT WE ACCEPT HIS
DECISION AND ARE MERELY PROVIDING FACILITATIVE SERVICE TO AN AMERICAN
COMPANY. IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO HIMWHETHER HE WISHES TO MEET WITH
RYAN REP OR NOT. PLEASE ADVISE DEPT'S VIEWS, EILTS.

NOTE BY OC/T: REFERENCE NOT RECOGNIZED.

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